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| First Named Applicant | AUTENT, INC. / 154100 / 1047 / 1047 | | | |

TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR GENERATING AND CONTROLLING A NETWORK OF INTERCONNECTED DEVICES

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.
09/112,050

Applicant(s)

Auten et al.

Examiner

Marlon T. Fletcher

Group Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☐ This communication is responsive to _____

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-30

☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Although it is acknowledge that an information disclosure statement was filed with the applicants' application, there is no information disclosure statement nor references found in the application. In order for the information disclosure statement to be considered the applicant must submit a copy of the information disclosure statement along with the references to be considered.

1. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Eventoff et al. (5,773,742) and Meredith (4,257,062) are considered as pertinent art.

Eventoff et al. (5,773,742) disclose a pre-recorded performance including video and audio signals. A musician plays an instrument in play along performance with the pre-recorded performance. The pre-recorded performance controls the sound and pitch of the musical instrument played by the player.

Meredith discloses an audio-visual system worn as a headset, wherein a user can watch a video display and hear audio simultaneously.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marlon Fletcher whose telephone number is (703) 308-0848.

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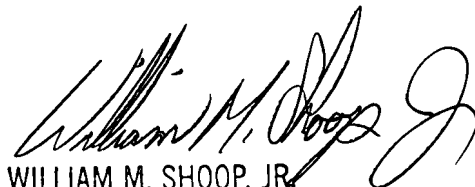
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Shoop, can be reached on (703) 308-3103.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1782.

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